

WHS Multi-Tier Subcontracting Database

(<https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/penren/SBReport/SBR-Default.asp>)

The WHS Multi-Tier Subcontracting Database was activated online in June 2003 to enable the capture of subcontracting activity data at all tier levels under all WHS contracts/projects.

All WHS large business prime contractors and subcontractors at all lower tiers (which are required to report subcontracting activity to the Federal Government semiannually via SF 294 and SF 295) enter their subcontracting data on a regularly recurring basis.

The database benefits the large business prime contractors and subcontractors by calculating all of the dollar figures and percentages (by socioeconomic category) which are required to complete the SF 294(s) and the SF 295 that the contractors are required to submit to WHS semiannually. Concurrently, the database provides the WHS Small Business Office with the all-tiers-combined subcontracting data necessary to perform recurring evaluations of each prime contractor's success in meeting the socioeconomic subcontracting targets defined in each contractor's subcontracting plan.

The database is capable of tracking this "reportable" subcontracting activity down through an infinite number of tiers, as long as the "flow down" reporting requirements remain in tact down through the chain of tiers. The database is also capable of separately recording and reporting "good faith effort" subcontracting activity data. This is data not required to be officially reported via SF 294 and SF 295, but which the contractor chooses to enter into the database as part of their demonstrated good faith effort to maximize the use of small businesses for subcontracting opportunities.

In addition to the SF 294 and SF 295 reports, the database produces other reports used by the large business prime contractors and subcontractors to self-evaluate their progress toward meeting their socioeconomic targets for subcontracting as defined in their subcontracting plans. Among them are reports which allow a reporting company (the prime contractor or any reporting large business subcontractor at any lower tier) to instantaneously see not only their own socioeconomic subcontracting statistics, but they can also see the socioeconomic statistics (percentages only) for any and all reporting companies at any and all tiers below them in their subcontracting chain.

Upon implementation of the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) (<http://www.esrs.gov/index?cck=1>) in DoD, the WHS Subcontracting Database will automatically calculate the dollar figure for each socioeconomic category that the contractor is required to enter into eSRS. It will do these calculations for each Individual Subcontracting Report that the contractor is required to submit as well as the Summary Subcontracting Report for all of the contractor's WHS contracts combined.

For more information on the WHS Subcontracting Database, contact the WHS Small Business Office via email at "smallbusinessprogram@whs.mil".